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In response to your facsimile letter today regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application, please revise the Status of Claims to read as follows:

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